Subsidy on Food items being sold through public distribution system

@1721-B. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given on all the items being sold through the Public Distribution System: year-wise during the last three years:

(b) the details of subsidy for each such item given in the current year:

(c) whether Government are aware of leakage from the Public Distribution System: and

(d) if so, the details of such leakage and the steps being taken to curb the leakage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The subsidy given on items distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) during the year 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under: -

Commodity	Subsidy (Rs. in crore)			
	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (till July)
Rice and Wheat	2200.00	2432.00	2142.42	600.00
Sugar	Nil	44.90	307.58	N.A.
Imported Edible Oil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Kerosene: Information is being collected.

(c) and (d) The distribution of essential commodities through fair price shops under PDS is primarily administered by the State Governments and UT Administrations. They have been advised to tighten the monitoring and inspection machinery to check diversion of PDS items and to ensure their timely availability to consumers. State Govenments/UT Administrations have reported that they take action to check diversion and other malpractices.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1820 transferred fom the 21st August, 1991.

12.00 NOON

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (1989-90) OF THE INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE, CALCUTTA AND RELATED PAPERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the followng papers :—

(i) Fifty-eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, for the year 1989-90,

together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 214/91]

Notification re. Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Amendment Rules, 1990

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 25 of the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries Notification S.O. No. 36(E), dated the 22nd January, 1991, publishing the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Amendment Rules, 1990. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 300/91]

Notification re. Statement of Weights and Measures (Geneal) Amentment Rules, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 83 of the Standars of Weights and Measures Act, 1976, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution Notification G.S.R. No. 343(E) dated the 15th July, 1991, publishing the Standards of Weights and Measures (General) Amendment Rules, 1991. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 301/91]

Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Pune and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, Pune, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 213/91]

***Report and Accounts (ending the 31st* March, 1989) of the National Federation of Industrial Co-operatives Limited, New Delhi and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(i) Annual Report of the National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Limited, New Delhi, for the year ended the 31st March, 1989.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the National Federation of Industrial Cooperative Limited, New Delhi, for the year ended the 31st March, 1989 and the Audit Report thereon.

(iii) Review by Government on the working of the Cooperative.

(iv) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 221/91]

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE TOBACCO BOARD

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move—

That in pursuance of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 (4 of 1975),